written complaints'. May I know whether there was any representation?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—There was some representation to me some months back. I think last year some people came to me and told me that there were some hardships. I never reported that matter to the Government, but I thought of inquiring into the nature of the complaints when I had time to go to those places and no further action was taken. Some complaint was made to me.

Irrigation facilities.

93. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many petitions were received by the Government and the Chief Engineer in the last 2 years to afford irrigation facilities;

(b) of these what items of work by the end of last year (1) were completed;

(2) were not completed but undertaken;

(3) were sanctioned but not undertaken;

(4) were investigated but not sanctioned; and

(5) what items are pending investigation?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) To answer the question a very large number of files have to be gone through, and the Government do not think that the time and labour involved in collecting the information is commensurate with the purpose to be served.

(b) (1). A list showing the items of works completed by the P. W. D. is appended (*vide Appendix I*).

(2) Items 1, 10, 29 and 32 of the appendix.

(3) Repairs to the Vellichira and construction of sluice for Kuruthical chira.

(4) Opening of canal from Alapad to Chazhur, Amballur-Scheme (Konath River Scheme) Keelithodu Scheme and the Pallisseri and Marathakara diversions of the Karuvannur Scheme.

(5) Opening of an irrigation canal in Alur Village, opening of a canal east of Vettikadavu, Thanikudam Scheme and Chalakkudi Scheme.

Pay of the temporary staff in the Irrigation Department.

94. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it was a fact that the Karkadagam pay of the temporary staff (maistries and watchmen) of the Irrigation Department, Chittur, was not disbursed as yet, 5th Kanni 1105

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President.—Can you not give the names of firms from whom you purchase these articles? Take a particular year; can you not say from which all firms you have made purchases?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—We purchase these articles from many firms in Bombay, say Joseph and Co., Crater and Co., from Madras from Massay and Co. and from Cochin from Pierce Leslie and Co. We purchase from a lot of firms. If the Hon'ble Member wants to know from where we purchased the articles for a particular year, then I will be able to say.

President.—Take the year 1100 and take cement. Can you not say from what all persons you purchased the article, then iron from so and so; then iron girders from so and so? Can you not supply the information for the five years up to 1104?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—In the case of one single article, we will have to go through 1,000 to 1,500 files.

President.—Are no registers kept?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No registers are kept.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Are you purchasing separately for different works?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then the last part of the question is not answered, "the total amount of commission received by the Government."

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Generally for Government purchases the firms do not give any commission. They quote only the lowest rates.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 93.)

Items of Irrigation works done in 1103 and 1104 M. E.

1. Constructing a surplus sluice for Pananchikadath chira.
2. Reconstructing the piers of the main sluice of Peruvanchira.
3. Improvement to Mulattara system, 3rd section.
4. Do Kunnamkattupathy system.
5. Do Thembaramadakku system.
6. Constructing a sluice for the benefit of Arayampadam lands in Venganellur.
7. Opening a drainage canal in Mullurkayal.
8. Opening a new north to south canal with cross canals in Narakkal and Elangunnapuzha villages.
9. Putting up a groyne at Ochenturuttu.
10. Do coffer boxes for the new weir at Enamakkal.
11. Constructing an additional weir for Enamakkal dam.
12. Providing a screw shutter to the sand sluice of Mulattara anicut.
13. Repairs to ring bund at Enamakkal.
14. Improvements to the Nurni Alankadavu system.

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15. Improving the cross bund connecting the main Karuvannur bund with the parambas on the south and reconstructing the small sluice on the cross bund.
16. Repairs to Ochenturuttu groynes.
17. Executing urgent works for storing water in the Kuzhur chira.
18. Putting up a bund across the Karuvannur river at Munayam.
19. Repairs to sluice of Manapat chira.
20. Do do of Kottenkottuvalavu chira.
21. Do do of Thazhakat chira.
22. Do do Kuzhur chira.
23. Do to the Pallur chira.
24. Improvements to the canals in Chellanam and Uppathikad.
25. Putting up a bund across the Puthenthodu for the maintenance of Karanchira bund.
26. Executing repairs to the Kallayi chira.
27. Additional works to the Munayam bund.
28. Dismantling and reconstructing the old weir at Enamakkal.
29. Improvements to Mulattara system, 4th section in 1104.
30. Do to Kunnamkattupathy system in 1104.
31. Constructing sluices for branch channels of Chittur Irrigation systems.
32. Constructing a new sluice and repairing the old one of Ambanat chira.
33. Improvements to Thembaramadakku system in 1104.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Before leaving this subject I may be allowed to read the authoritative report of the last Budget Session. "President: In order to understand the situation in respect of transfers from one minor head to another minor head whether it is a case of certified expenditure or not, that could not be done under the Legislative Council Rules. So this provision in *the Account Code* must be taken as a dead-letter."

President.—Please read once more.

Dr. A. G. Menon.— 'In order to understand the situation in respect of transfers from one minor head to another minor head whether it is a case of certified expenditure or not, that could not be done under the Legislative Council Rules. So this provision in *the Account Code* must be taken as a dead-letter.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Still the attitude has not changed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I am reading from the manuscript Proceedings sent from the office for correction to Mr. Salem and he kept it for himself without returning it. For the Rule is after four days they are sent for correction to the Members they will be taken as needing no correction. It was sent on first of August. It contains very many speeches. And this was your ruling on the last occasion.

President.—Is this a certified expenditure?

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